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Are your finances falling apart?
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Crisis in 'Nam

The tragic aspects of the recent surprise takeover of much of South Vietnam create a dilemma for Americans.

What is this country's obligation to South Vietnam?

To answer this question, ASA personnel at USASATC&S, Ft Devens, MA, were asked "What should the US do about the situation in Southeast Asia? Consider the following: should we send troops, resupply SVN with equipment or send other types of assistance?

A patriotic interest...

"Resupplying South Vietnam from a humanitarian point of view would not only help that country, but it would also stimulate our industries to a degree."

CPT

Start rebuilding now...

"My opinion is that we lost many of our young and old in the war in Vietnam, and, at the end, or so called end, what had been accomplished by the US being there? Not a darn thing.

"Now that we are out of the war, let's forget everything else and build this country to be the country we once were."

SP4

Go full force...

"Resupply South Vietnam with ammo,

weapons, tanks, and aircraft needed to stop the VietCong from taking over Saigon."

SGM

"If we are going to get involved in this particular matter, let's either go all out in support, and let the war machine do its thing or stay completely out."

"With the decision to support South Vietnam in mind, let's not let anti-war demonstrators or any parties not directly associated with the war effort, hinder our efforts. After all, who is going to be next in the Communistic aggression?"

SP5

"Send mercenaries and kill every living thing. In other words overwhelm them with military force but don't send American troops."

SP5

Stay clear...

"Get completely out, including troops, money and ammunition."

SP5

What price is peace?

"A political solution should be sought that would allow a lasting peace. This solution may not necessarily include a democratic type of government.

"The main objective of a solution should be a quick and lasting peace."

2LT

Are We Really Thinking Tactical?

Lately, we have been seeing things that tell us to "Think Tactical." But do we really know what it means to "Think Tactical?"

Do we take concepts and knowledge developed in Field Stations to a division support company and expect this Field Station syndrome to apply directly to our new job? Wouldn't it be far better to apply some imaginative thinking about the problems of providing direct support, then using our experience, develop some unique solutions? That way, an assignment to an ASA battalion or company would provide a challenge to us rather than a situation where the first thought of the individual being assigned to one of "those" units is—"Well, I'll just stop at the Hall on my way down and have my buddies get my orders changed."

Once we get to the unit, do we learn all we can about how an infantry division and its subordinate commands operate? Do we learn, for example, of the number of soldiers in an infantry platoon? Do we learn how much real estate the infantry platoon is responsible for in the defense? (Or, an infantry company?) Once we have learned, do we know enough about the force structure of our possible enemies? (For an interesting study, compare a US company in defense against a Soviet force in the offense.)

After we know as much about the unit we are supporting as they do, the challenge of the job really begins. For example, when you are supporting a division, and three of its brigades are on the line, how can the two teams of the company provide support to all three brigades? Does the company go to a general support mission? Or do you make

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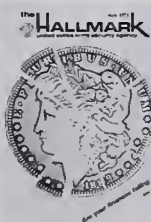
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Our Cover—You may not get rich while you're in the Army, but you don't have to go to the poorhouse, either. The first in a series of money management articles appears on page 9.

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I Am Dignity

"I have my humblest beginnings all over the world from the humblest shack to the most luxurious palace, but always I am born of noble parentage. I have nothing in myself but those who have me can accomplish great things."

So began PFC Cynthia G. Kurtz's essay, "Human Goals: The Advancement of Human dignity," which won top active duty military honors for the Nationwide 1974 Freedoms Foundation awards program.

Cynthia, a native of Hazelhurst, Georgia, graduated from high school in 1971 and attended the University of Georgia as a pre-med major. She began active duty in August 1973 and, after completing basic training, was assigned to USASATC&S, Fort Devens, MA, for training as a Morse Interceptor. Her first assignment as an O5H was USASAFS Sobe, which she began last May.

Cynthia, caught in the TDY money crunch, asked her mother, Mrs. George Kurtz of Washington, DC., to accept the prize for the award-winning essay. Mrs. Kurtz attended the Freedoms Foundation ceremonies in Valley Forge, PA, and accepted an encased George

Washington Honor Medal and a \$100 Savings Bond on behalf of her daughter.

Other ASA winners include Captain Richard P. Holk of Arlington Hall Station, VA, who received a George Washington Certificate Award. Sergeant Daniel C. Murphy of Field Station Berlin and Specialist Five David P. Rice of Vint Hill Farms Station, VA were Valley Forge Honor Certificate recipients.

Topic for the 1975 Patriots Awards program for members of the U.S. Armed Forces is "Human Goals — A Proud Heritage."

Entries need not be a "Letter" as such but may be in essay or poetry form. Entries should be no less than 100 nor more than 500 words in length. If letter style is used, the addressee may be any person or organization, real or imaginary. Type name, rank, serial number, branch of service and complete unit address, as well as complete per-

manent home state address and zip code on each entry.

Entries from active and reserve military members must be submitted by November 1, 1975, to Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania 19481.



PFC Cynthia Kurtz—top Army Freedoms Foundation winner.



Say Cheese—And MILPERCEN will be happy to place your photo in your files.

Every fifth year, on the month of their birth, enlisted soldiers in grades E-6 through E-9 must submit two photos for their official records. They should be sent to Army Enlisted Records Center, ATTN: PCRC-F, Fort Benjamin Harrison, IN 46249.

Regular Army and WAC second lieutenants must submit two photos at the time of their initial appointment. All other officers—from Warrant to Lieutenant Colonel—must submit the photos on their birth month every fourth year, colonels on their birth month every third year.

One photo should be sent to MILPERCEN, ATTN: DAPC-PAR-R. The second photo, except chaplains, JAGC, and MEDD officers should be sent to appropriate career branches at MILPERCEN. Chaplains, JAGC, and AMEDD officers should check AR 640-30 for the address to send their second photo.

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Right to write—Soldiers in the chain of command are being reminded that their subordinates have a right to correspond with their congressional representatives.

Secretary of the Army, Howard H. Callaway, has expressed concern about the alleged harassment of soldiers who write to their congressmen. "It's a soldier's right and it must be protected," Callaway said.

While Secretary Callaway believes there are few cases of such harassment, he said harassment will not be tolerated. Effective communication and genuine concern between soldiers and the chain of command is the way to reduce complaints to members of Congress, Callaway said.

Two more states pay Vietnam Bonus—Michigan has joined the ranks of states paying a bonus to Vietnam era veterans. General requirements include at least six months residency in Michigan before entering active duty, 190 days of honorable military duty served between January 1, 1961 and September 1, 1973 and no receipt of, or application for, a similar bonus from another state.

Veterans eligible for the bonus are advised to have a copy of their reports of Separation (DD Form 214) available for submission with their applications.

Application forms and information may be obtained by writing to Vietnam Era Bonus Section,

Box 1500, Lansing, Michigan 48904. Applications deadline is June 30, 1980,

West Virginians may apply for a bonus, too. Veterans must have served at least 90 days, have been separated under honorable conditions and have been a West Virginia resident for at least 6 months immediately before entering service.

Application forms are available from the Bonus Division, State Department of Veterans Affairs, 604 Atlas Building, Charleston, WV 25301.



Find your niche—To help officers when they change from military to civilian careers, The Retired Officers Association (TROA) has published a booklet entitled "Find Your Niche—A Practical Guide for Career Changers."

The booklet is a comprehensive guide on how to translate military qualifications to the civilian job market. Persons interested in the booklet can write TROA, 1625 Eye Street, Washington, DC 20006.

Don't hold back—Feeling creative? Want to see your ideas in print?

THE HALLMARK is opening up its pages to ASA free lancers who can't restrain their creative vigors any longer.

Articles should be written in light, easy to read style. Their length can vary from 25 to 2500 words. Remember, THE HALLMARK's primary audience is the enlisted soldier 18–22 years old.

If you have an idea and would like to put it in writing, it's best to call the Information Office at (autovon), 8-22-25496, first to see if THE HALLMARK could use your idea, or write Commander, USA-SA, ATTN: IACS-I, Arlington, VA 22212.

OR, maybe you would like to write a song—the American Song Festival not only offers high cash prizes but offers songwriters an opportunity to show their musical talents to leaders in the industry.

The categories for the song writing contest are rock, easy listening/middle of the road, country, folk, soul and rhythm and blues and gospel. There is also a special bicentennial song competition.

Further information and applications may be obtained by contacting your local USO or by writing to the American Song Festival, PO Box 57, Hollywood, CA 90028. Deadline for entries is June 3, 1975.

One of the advantages of an assignment in the Washington area for hunters is the proximity of Fort A.P. Hill. This 77,000 acre facility, located less than two hours by car south of Arlington Hall Station, VA., has an abundance of game birds and animals, thanks to extensive and enlightened conservation efforts.

Last year, eighteen ASA nimrods were privileged to participate in the Commanding General's deer hunt. Senior officers were allocated two-day organized hunts throughout the deer season. Major General George A. Gooding, was allocated the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving.

The Lodge is the focal point for all organized hunts. This impressive structure was built from native logs by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the 1930's depression. Located on the crest of a hill, its picture windows overlook a serenely beautiful lake. The ASA woodsmen "roughed it" in this building which has central heat, a great hall large enough for a tennis court with huge fireplaces behind each foul line, a glass-enclosed game porch long enough for a bowling alley, and a continuously operating ice cube machine. The rustic decor throughout is complemented by tastefully mounted specimens of local game.

Gargantuan breakfasts and gourmet dinners were prepared by Master Chef, PFC Paul Osterman of USAG MP Company, Arlington Hall Station, VA, who also sent sandwiches, hot dogs, soup, and coffee into the field for the noon meal.

The hunting activity was directed by guides from the post wildlife section whose chief, Mike Spinnel, is a Virginia game warden. Two different methods were used to hunt deer, high stands and drive hunts.

High stands are tree platforms from 15 to 25 feet above the ground. During early morning and late afternoon, periods of major deer movement between their bedding and feeding grounds, each hunter was assigned a high stand by the guides. There the hunters waited for a shot at a passing whitetail. This hunt occurred during the bucks-only season, so only antlered deer were legal game.

For drive hunts, the party was divided into two groups. One group, the standers, would be stationed in a line at intervals of about 50 yards along a roadway or edge of a field. The other group, the drivers, would be deployed along a parallel line at the same interval at distances averaging perhaps half a mile from the standers. On command, the drivers would walk toward the standers, making all the noise possible, calling out their numbers loud and strong, with the object of driving any deer between the two lines to the standers. After each drive, the party moved to another area where the standers become drivers and vice versa. Safety procedures required the "cease fire to the front" command to be

passed among both groups when eye contact was made between the lines at any points.

This vigorous, wholesome outdoor activity was punctuated by Osterman's hearty chow, serious social refreshment, and marathon poker games. The yield from the hunt was three buck deer, countless blisters and briar scratches, and epidemic chapped lips. At the conclusion of the hunt, successful marksmen were awarded ornate certificates, signed by MG Gooding and by Mr. James Franks of AHS Recreation Services, Jaegermeister, testifying to their accomplishment. The less fortunate marksmen were awarded

documents which certified their "conservation efforts."

Organized hunts are privileged not only to use the Lodge but also to hunt the impact area, off-limits to the general hunting public. On the total reservation during the 1974 season, 10,161 hunters harvested 539 deer. Throughout the season, access to numbered hunting areas is controlled by the Wildlife Section which, for safety, limits the number of hunters per area.

Fort A.P. Hill is a veritable sportsman's paradise. In addition to hunting, its woodlands are available for camping, picnicking and hiking. Fishing and boating activities are encouraged on the station's lakes and ponds. Miles of bicycling trails satisfy two-wheeler enthusiasts. The Fort's recreation assets are a real benefit to ASA'ers assigned to the Washington area.

A Fun Way to Rough It in the Army

by Jim Cowgill



What? Me worry? Doe season doesn't start for another two weeks!



National Program Advances Real Democracy

Project FORWARD '76 ((Freedom of Religion Will Advance Real Democracy)), recently designated as a national bicentennial program, is working to facilitate planning for strong spiritual and religious emphasis in observance of the American Bicentennial.

Formed by the Interchurch Center of New York City, which houses offices of Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish organizations, Project FORWARD

'76 offers research and technical help to other groups around the country interested in religious observance of the Bicentennial.

The project is personally sponsored by 150 leaders of church, educational, women's business, and communications organizations from coast to coast.

The Project's efforts will include publications and media materials telling the story of religious freedom in America, highlighting the battle for religious freedom from colonial days to recent Supreme Court decisions, and documenting the

manner in which the United States has honored religious liberty both in theory and practice.

A source book produced by the Project provides supplemental information for group discussions and suggests ways of reaffirming the nation's commitment to religious freedom guaranteed in the First Amendment to the Constitution.

Additional information on America's religious history and heritage can be obtained from Project FORWARD '76 at 475 Riverside Drive, Room 1676, New York, New York 10027.

Beat This

The 25th SIGSEC Det claims:

Many of you old timers will remember the "AOG" badge awarded at the school house for advancing faster than is expected or required. Now the newly formed USASA Division SIGSEC Support Detachment (25th Inf) has laid claim to a unit "AOG". The claim is that the 25th Division SIGSECers beat FORSCOM to the punch by nearly a year.

In January of 1974, members of the USASA Security Group Pacific in discussions with 25th Infantry Division hatched the idea of a course of SIGSEC instruction for Division signal personnel. A tentative program of instruction was drafted but then the idea slipped into limbo.

Then in July of 1974, seven men were splintered off from the Security Group Pacific and provisionally organized as the 25th Division SIGSEC Support Detachment. The Division Detachment revived the SIGSEC course, developed it as a 16 hour block of instruction, and presented it to selected 25th Division soldiers last September. The course was so well received by the Division that they requested it be increased to four days and programmed periodically.

In mid October of 1974 a FORSCOM LOI was published, suggesting a 4 hour SIGSEC course for field grade officers and a 12 hour course for

RTOs. By that time the USASA Division SIGSEC Support Detachment (25th Inf) had revised its SIGSEC course of instruction. The course was designed to include all grades and increased to 20 hours. The new course was presented 10, 11, 12 and 13 December 1974.

Once again the SIGSEC Course of Instruction was a tremendous success and is scheduled quarterly. What can we say but USASA Division SIGSEC Support Detachment (25th Inf) is ahead of the game.

USA AVN EW Co claims:

SFC George Gibson (Ardent Student, Dec Hallmark) has some catching up to do. SSG William A Withers III, USA AVN EW Co, Ft. Bliss, TX has completed 1447 correspondence credit hours since 1969. He is currently enrolled in the SGM/Operations Course offered by the USA Command and General Staff College. Completion of this course will bring SSG Withers' total up to 1590 credits.

SSG Withers has completed courses in Military Cryptanalysis (177 hours), Signal Intelligence, Special Forces, Internal Defense and Development, Psychological, Chemical Munitions and Disposal, and Advanced Cryptologic NCO. Now, beat this!



pass in review

A roundup of ASA news from Hallmark correspondents

ASA Wins at Ft. Meade

SP5 Stanley E. Everett of the USASA Support Group has been named the winner of Fort Meade's prestigious Soldier of the Year Award for 1974. SP5 Everett's selection was based on his impeccable personal appearance, dignified soldierly bearing and his thorough knowledge of basic military subjects and current events.

SP5 Stanley Everett is a 30 year old California native, assigned to the Support Group as a Russian linguist. When he decided to join the Army in May of 1973 and pursue his Master's Degree, he left a teaching position as a Latin Instructor at his alma mater, Brigham Young University. Since his enlistment 20 months ago he has won nine other individual awards.

An easy going man, he fills his off-duty hours in pursuit of varied interests that range from stamp collecting to jogging. A religious man, he is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and teaches seminary class.

His military future is dependent upon his application for Officer Candidate School, which he recently submitted.

(from "Fort Meade Soundoff")

Top NCOs

As an honor graduate of the 7th Army NCO Academy in Bad Toelz, SP4 Jerry Lee Henderson was meritoriously promoted to Specialist 5 and presented with three awards for excellence.

SP5 Henderson received the "Distinguished Graduate



SP5 Jerry Henderson receiving awards from COL Donald M. Moreau, CO, FS Augsburg.

Award," the "General George S. Patton Award for Excellence," and the "General Douglas MacArthur Award for Distinguished Leadership."

Specialist Henderson enlisted in the Army after graduating from the University of Tennessee in 1973. Upon completing training as a Traffic Analyst and German linguist he arrived in Germany in July of 1974 and was assigned to the 3rd Operations Battalion.

Acting Sergeant (SP5) Patricia A. Ames of B Company, Field Station Berlin, won honors at the 7th Army NCO Academy at Bad Toelz. Sergeant Ames was designated Honor Graduate (just behind classmate Jerry Henderson of FS Augsburg) and was presented the "General Douglas MacArthur Award for Distinguished Leadership" by CSM J.W. Armentrout, Commandant of the school.

Ames, a native of Watertown, New York and a graduate of Cornell University, entered the Army in June 1972. After completing training as a 98G she was

assigned to Field Station Berlin in 1973.

SP4 Marva J. Robertson of 3d Operations Battalion, USASAFS Augsburg was recently presented the "General Douglas MacArthur Award for Leadership" by COL Donald M. Moreau, Commander of Field Station Augsburg.

Specialist Robertson earned the award at the 7th Army Non-Commissioned Officers' Academy in Bad Toelz, Germany.

Another Scholar

SSG Wesley C. Briggs of the 337th ASA Company received honors at the US Army 1st Infantry Division NCO Academy, Fort Riley, Kansas.

SSG Briggs received the "Distinguished Graduate Diploma" as the Third Honor Graduate of his class. He also received his promotion to Staff Sergeant at graduation ceremonies held at the academy.

Civilian Appointed

John W. Shaver, Deputy Chief of the Vulnerability Division of USASAT&EC, Fort Huachuca, AZ, has been appointed to serve on the Board of Directors of Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Co-operative (SSVEC). He will represent nearly 1,300 member-consumers in District 12, an area of Sierra Vista and Fry, AZ.

He Made Mister

Harold Garwood was sworn in to the rank of Warrant Officer

by MAJ Walter Vaught of Wobeck Detachment during a ceremony conducted in January.

Assisting at the ceremony was COL Donald Moreau, Commander of USASAFS Augsburg.

ASA Gets Honor Grad

CW4 Maurice E. Cammack, Jr. recently joined the USASA Security Detachment Region III at Fort Sam Houston, TX, after receiving honors as the Distinguished Graduate of his Warrant Officer's Senior Course (WOSC) at Fort Rucker, AL.

The WOSC is the Warrant Officer's equivalent of the Command and General Staff College. Only those Warrant Officers with demonstrated ability, a record of outstanding performance, and who possess the highest potential for continued growth are selected by Department of the Army to attend the WOSC.

CW4 Cammack, a veteran of 18 years active service, earned a 98.9 average in the course — tops in his 100 student class.



Reorganization Strikes Again

"...For rich or for poor,"

SP5 Suzanne M. Eckhardt received a \$12,000 bonus for her five-year reenlistment at Field Station Augsburg.

Suzanne, assigned to Wobeck Detachment, is a native of Santa Clara, CA. She enlisted in December 1971 and received training as a German linguist.



SP5 Eckhardt and her fiancé, SSG Glen Adams ponder the happy occasion.

"...For better or for worse,"

SP5 Michael Crowley of Washington, D.C., SP5 Robert

Augsburg Reenlistments

McIntire of Seattle, WA, and SP4 Jeff McDonald of Ellwood City, PA, reenlisted for their present duties with 3d Operations Battalion, USASAFS Augsburg recently. All three were given a one-year extension on their foreign service tours.

"... 'Til death do us part."

SSG Ray R. Blanton and his wife, SP5 Andria Fazio Blanton, reenlisted together recently at Field Station Augsburg.

Following the end of their current tour both Blantons will be stationed in Okinawa.



SSG and Mrs. Blanton say "I Do" to CPT William Grey, FS Reenlistment Officer.

New unit news — "Rebel 78" arrived at Taegu, Korea, marking the official beginning of the newly organized 146th ASA Company (Aviation).

Captain Rodney Miller, Acting Commander, assisted the base commander, LTC Hammer, USAF, and CW2 Craig Laing, pilot of the aircraft, with the ribbon-cutting ceremony, marking the beginning of a new era for ASA and the 146th.

The 146th is equipped with the Guardrail 4 system which began last May at Moffet Naval Air Station, near San Francisco. Their Rebel 78 and five other aircraft were originally assigned to the 156th AVN at Ft Bliss before their transfer to Moffett to be outfitted with new mission equipment.

After considerable flight testing and innumerable hours of dedicated work, the aircraft was ready for shipment.

While waiting for the aircraft to complete testing and arrive overseas, CPT Miller, CW2 Jim Murphy and CW3 Jim Smith began work in Korea procuring buildings, supplies and an aircraft hangar for the 146th, all under the watchful eye of LTC Francis X. Toomey, Commander of the Field Station located at Camp Humphries.

The commander of the 146th is Captain Jerry Jenkins, who, with the dedicated 146th personnel, is helping to attain the goal of world peace through intelligence information.



Return from Davy Jones Locker

How many people visit San Francisco, forget the trolley cars and the long, winding and steep roads in favor of spending their time in the water? And 465 hours at that?!

Staff Sergeant Charles R. Theobald, NCOIC of the USASATC&S School Brigade's S1 Shop doesn't find that strange. He is one of the few men who hold the MOS 00B40—Deep Sea Diver. (There are 10 in the Army).

SSG Theobald's interest in diving started in 1954 when his father bought him a mask and fins at an Army/Navy Surplus Store. He became a "professional" in 1958 when he earned \$100 for recovering an outboard motor from the murky depths of Lake Erie.

European Explorer

Broadening his range of diving with the Navy in 1960, SSG Theobald explored the waters of Northern Africa, Spain, France, Italy, and Greece. He formed a SCUBA team which discovered

two vases in the waters surrounding Athens. The vases brought the team a sum of \$500.

He's in the Army Now

SSG Theobald switched from the Navy to the Army in 1964 and became an airborne infantryman. He was discharged in 1967 and attended the US Coastal School for Deep Sea Divers in Oakland, CA. After four months of schooling, he joined the Taylor Divers of New Orleans and worked for an oil company exploring the Gulf of Mexico.

In 1969, SSG Theobald returned to sunny California and joined the 294th Engineer Diving Team (Reserves) in San Diego. It was during this time that he made visits to San Francisco to make pier and boat repairs in the Bay. While working in the briny deep, he had an equipment malfunction and was declared dead when he was hauled to the deck of his ship. Thanks to rapid mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, SSG Theobald was re-

vived. The next day he returned to the depths to complete his job.

In 1970, Charles returned to the Army and joined ASA. His first assignment was training with the Navy divers at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

In 1974, he qualified at depths of 200 feet with SCUBA gear, 250 feet with hard hat and air, and 300 feet with hard hat and helium/oxygen.

Sergeant Theobald's experience proves that being a deep sea diver is not an easy task. "Ninety-five percent of your work is done in darkness," says Theobald. "The eyes of a diver are his hands."

Sound interesting? Before you dive into pursuing a new MOS, think about the requirements for MOS OOB. The test requires a thorough knowledge of pier construction, demolitions, mathematics, ship nomenclature, first aid, decompression tables and much more. Learn how to swim, hit the books and then try the test.

from the Fountainhead



Good Money Management Can Help

The Hallmark, in a series of articles, will explore the critical issue of personal finances and ASA. This month's story is an overview of the problems and a general discussion of the remedy.

We're getting it from all sides. On one hand, Detroit is coaxing us into a brand new debtmobile. Then our landlords up our rent. Joining the parade are utilities, making electricity and gas as expensive as mortgage payments. And now there is talk about decreasing the advantages of a commissary.

Finally, the President has proposed that we in federal service absorb the brunt of inflation by limiting our "annual raise" to five percent.

What are we to do?

The key to survival today is personal management of financial affairs. Relying on credit — credit cards, loans and such — to support an unrealistic life style is not good management. Credit is a tool to be used for deferring payments. It does not magically produce money.

Each of us must realistically evaluate our income, assets, debts, financial responsibilities and standard of living. Our job

is to keep our personal finances in balance.

A serious problem area for men and women in the Army Security Agency, according to Colonel Carl E. Winkler, Staff Judge Advocate for ASA, is the situation where people try to live beyond their financial means. The "salaries" in the military are within survivable limits, if the service member adopts a standard of living appropriate to that income. A Captain with four kids cannot entertain friends nightly, fly off on weekends, pay on a \$65,000 mortgage and provide for his children's educations strictly on his monthly pay. Just as a SP4 with two kids cannot go out and buy brand new cars, stylish clothes and a \$1,500 stereo rig without some additional income.

The middle grades seem to have more problems with finances, according to Colonel Winkler. A probable reason for this is indecision on life styles and budgets.

Lower enlisted grades often escape money problems through tight budgeting and extensive moonlighting. But all military grades are susceptible to money problems. And the same solutions apply to all service members.

Personal management of money matters, to include proper use of credit, correct budgeting procedures and living within available income levels, is the first line of defense against money worries. And for us in the Agency, against a friendly call from Security.

A recent national poll of college students placed financial matters ahead of sex as their major pre-occupation, proving that what we're talking about is important.

(Next month's article will deal with specific money problems among ASA members.)

Is That Pot of Gold Empty?

It happened at the 303d

Three little boys busied themselves in the front seat of the family car while the mother "just stepped across the street" to do some family business.

Finding the glove compartment and rear view mirror a bit boring, the children's eager and curious eyes found something a bit more exciting to occupy their time: the cigarette lighter. The boys found the magic behind their new toy and accidentally set the car on fire. Within seconds the "killer" filled the car.

Specialist Four Wilbert Herbert, from the 303d ASA Battalion, was walking by Sonnier's Pharmacy, when he heard the screams of the children. Immediately he noticed the car filled with smoke.

After some difficulty, he managed to open the car door and pulled two of the children out to safety.

The older of the two kept trying to reenter the burning car. Mrs. Joyce Sonnier of Sonnier's sensed that someone might still be in the smoke-filled car. Herbert jumped back into the car and found the youngest child, two months old, lying on the front seat with flames leaping above him. The infant was rescued just before the fire completely engulfed the car.

This story ends on a happy note—not all do.

In Sinop, too

Familiarity may breed contempt—but infamiliarity can breed disaster. Are you familiar with what could be a killer in your own home?

Gary Leavitt, former editor of *The Diogenes Review*, wrote the following article about a "hot situation."

A career girl sat in her New York apartment reading the morning papers. Dozing off, the cigarette she had been smoking dropped from limp fingers into the pile of discarded papers. The papers began to smolder, arousing her enough to warn her that something was burning, and she dazedly called the fire department. Arriving in less than three minutes, the men found the woman dead from asphyxiation—although the flames had not spread beyond the chair and pile of papers.

Much the same fate befalls hundreds of bed smokers every year—except that they seldom wake up at all.

An Air Force officer in Greece experienced a very rude awakening one morning when his gas stove exploded. The stove was a liquid petroleum gas (LPG) type similar to "bottled gas" stoves used in the Sinop area.

Unlike most accidents of this type, which are usually caused by negligence, this one just "seemed to happen"—all possible precautions had been taken. The bottle (which had been checked) was leaking gas vapor, which accumulated and caused the explosion.

In Sinop a "short" SP4 was "watching" an apartment for a couple on leave. Finding some wet towels, he decided to dry them—on the hot pipe of a wood stove in the bedroom. He forgot about them until he smelled the smoke of the flaming scraps.

Two days later, this same "eski" had a rude awakening also. Wood had been stored too close to the "dying" fire in the living room stove, eventually catching fire. In a daze he managed to make it to a window, putting the fire out (after his

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head cleared) with water from the kitchen. The superficial wood floor and wall hangings were destroyed, smoke damage covered the entire apartment, and door frames were warped.

Fire, and all of its "side effects," are lethal—a deadly killer on the loose more dangerous than most people realize until it's too late to realize anything.

It surprises many to find that experienced firefighters are far more afraid of smoke, "the Cobra," than of flame, "the Tiger." Yet in studies made on the combustion products of normal household materials like silk, wool, cotton, leather, some plastics, and newspapers, tests showed that these burning materials produce dangerous volumes of from 11 to 14 different toxic gases.

Best known and most feared is carbon monoxide, always present to some degree. However, there are also substantial concentrations of hydrogen sulfide and hydrocyanic acid gas (the latter used in some state execution chambers), both much more deadly than carbon monoxide.

Unfortunately, your nose doesn't know when a smoke is dangerous. Automobile exhaust fumes smell terribly, yet the most deadly portion of them is odorless. And while burning gasoline seems ominous enough, the fumes from burning wood are more lethal.

Another caution: forget the nonsense you may have heard about crawling along the floor where "the air is coolest" in a building on fire.

It's cooler, all right, but it's also deadly. Tests show that in the early stages of a fire the gases of combustion rise while the poisonous gases sink to the floor, waiting for you. Your best bet in a burning building is to crouch low and move fast, not crawl, to the nearest exit.

There are several precautionary measures that should be taken in Sinop to avoid being caught in a "hot" situation, and to avoid a "gassy" ordeal:

- Stoves and other heating appliances sitting on combustible surfaces (tile, wood, etc.) should rest on a metal or asbestos board pad.

- If a heater is near a combustible wall, shield the wall with some type of metal or asbestos "reflector."

- Never set a heater next to drapes or close to furniture.

- LPG heaters should be set in a metal pan large enough to hold a full tank of fuel in case of tank rupture or pipe breakage.

- Always use the right fuel. Gasoline or alcohol must never be used in a kerosene heater.

- Carefully check piping and hoses on LPG or kerosene stoves. Liquid leakage can be seen, and LPG leaks can be smelled (the hydrogen sulfide smells like rotten eggs). LPG tanks can be checked with the "soap test" (checking for leaks by immersing the bottle in soapy water).

- Store extra fuel in a closed container in a cool area away from living areas (such as on a balcony).

- Unvented heaters are dangerous. They need a constant supply of fresh air to operate safely and avert a build-up of poisonous gases.

- Make sure that your stove pipe is secure and does not leak.

- If you have a heater with an adjustable flue (as in most wood and coal units), leave the draft open after the fire is dead or dying.

- Use a coarse screen to cover the flue (at least ½ inch). A fine screen may become quickly clogged, restricting the flow of flue products to the outside.

- Do not smoke in bed unless you sleep in a swimming pool. It's a good idea not to smoke when you're tired if you're sitting down, too.

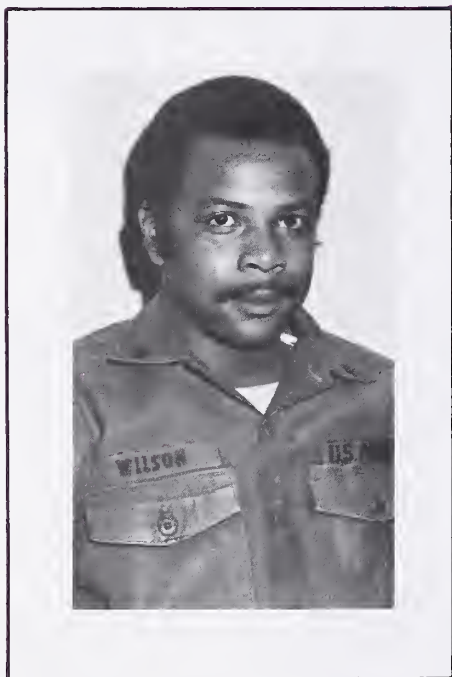
- Remember: clothing that you're wearing can catch on fire from a hot stove if you get too close for too long.

**Make sure 'the killer'
doesn't find you**

Killer !

*Fast Action and quick thinking
prove that in SGT Willie Wilson's World*

Apathy is Extinct



It started out to be a normal Friday afternoon. Sergeant Willie L. Wilson was chatting with a neighbor outside his second floor apartment. Until cries and shouts for help from the area near the apartment complex's swimming pool were heard.

SGT Wilson dashed down the stairs. Without pausing to disrobe, he dived into the pool, where a little girl was lying face down in the water and a woman was thrashing about, vainly trying to reach the side.

SGT Wilson pulled them both over to the side of the pool and out of the water. At the poolside, he pumped water from the lungs of apparently-lifeless 4-year-old Stacy Lewis and administered artificial respiration to the blue, unconscious little girl.

When men from the Fire Department arrived, Stacy was breathing again. She was given oxygen and taken to the intensive care unit at William Beaumont Army Medical Center.

Police at the scene said that without SGT Wilson's quick actions, Stacy would have died.

Stacy, the daughter of Specialist Four Danny Lewis of the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, recovered admirably and was soon released from WBAMC.

Stacy, all bundled up for winter weather was walking near the pool when she fell into the cold water. The woman jumped in to rescue Stacy, but since neither could swim, there was very nearly a double drowning.

After the rescue, SGT Wilson modestly stated that "four years is too soon for a life to end. I'm glad that I could help."

A propeller and rotor repairman with the US Army Aviation Electronic Warfare Company, SGT Wilson has been in the Army since January, 1971.

Prior to that, he served nearly three years in the Marine Corps. Eighteen months of that time were spent as an infantry machine gunner in Vietnam, for which he received the Marine Corps Cross of Gallantry and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Major Charles S. Simerly, commander of the Aviation EW Company, has recommended SGT Wilson for the Soldier's Medal, the highest award for heroism the Army bestows in peacetime.

Too Long in Grade?

Is there someone in your office who has been an E-3 or E-4 for quite some time? Check his or her records out. Don't be too quick to blame the slow promotion time on the soldier, it could be the fault of his former supervisor, or it could be your fault.

There are now about 29,000 soldiers in grade E-3 and 16,000 in grade E-4 who are eligible for promotion consideration to the next higher grade without waivers.

Why aren't these people being promoted? Often, it's because many soldiers aren't being considered fully for promotion. As a soldier leaves a unit unpromoted, it means he will probably have to spend additional time in his new unit to make himself qualified for promotion.

Supervisors and those in the chain of command need to check and recheck to make sure qualified and deserving soldiers who meet time in service and other promotion criteria are adequately considered for promotion.

Another factor that can contribute to less than full use of promotion capability is the unit-of-choice rotation policy. Most UOC sol-



diers are assigned overseas between their 20th and 23d month in service. At this time, many E-3s are just reaching the 21 month nonwaivable E-4 promotion point. If they leave the unit unpromoted, they probably will have to spend additional time in their new unit reestablishing eligibility.

A similar situation exists for soldiers who got early promotion to E-4. They become eligible for E-5 waiver promotion consideration in their 19th month of service. Commanders can help overcome this UOC hurdle by promoting a soldier or placing him on the promotion list before he leaves for his new overseas assignment.

Soldiers who are unqualified or undeserving of promotion should be counseled. Those who are qualified should be given maximum consideration. Army regulation 600-200 has the latest enlisted promotion criteria.

Today's WAC:

How They Are Liberated

WACS are proof that an all-volunteer force can work. They did it even before they were asked.

The military woman has not chosen a career that is "woman's work". And to help her break away even farther from desk only jobs, Secretary of the Army Howard H. Callaway has announced a new policy.

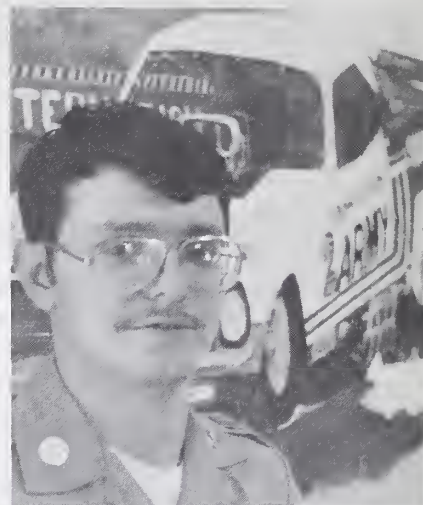
All enlisted women entering the active army and the reserve components after June 30, 1975, will be required to take a defensive weapons training course as an integral part of their basic training. The course will consist of defensive type weapons training which includes qualification with the standard Army rifle.

This policy change does not conflict with the Army's stated position that women will not participate in a direct combat role. There will be no change in the policy of not assigning women to units having a direct combat mission or from training in the combat arms specialties. The policy change is to prepare women to defend themselves or their unit when necessary.

Voluntary rifle firing for enlisted women has been a part of their basic training since last summer. Almost 87 percent of the trainees chose to participate in the training.

Similar policies will be instituted for women officers.

Happy Birthday, WACs



PFC Joseph Eberly poses in front of one of the four murals he painted in the duty section of the Goodfellow Detachment, USASATC&S.

Any school marm will tell you "Green is conducive to thinking."

Look at almost any classroom: at least two of the four walls are usually filled with a green(?) black(?) board.

Now ask any office worker what he thinks of row after row of green offices. Conducive to thinking? Maybe it's more conducive to sleeping!

A little red, blue, yellow and even pink paint can make even WWII buildings seem vivid and lively.

How to do it?

Imagination is the key. The resourcefulness and imagination of Sergeant First Class Nick Romero and Staff Sergeant Francisco Basaldua helped USASATC&S at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, assume a new image. They asked Private First Class Joseph Eberly to paint murals on the detachment walls, and suggested combat art and other "Armyish" art ideas to be worked into a mural.

The Eberly masterpiece emerged 80 hours after materials for the mural were purchased by Romero and Basaldua.

PFC Eberly, an Ohio native, will depart Goodfellow soon, leaving behind a memento that will always remain with the Army detachment.

Goodfellow's not alone in the desire to spruce up a dull atmosphere. Even the sometimes drab offices at Headquarters, ASA have taken on a new look. The casual skater can view just about every color of the rainbow during his hourly walks through the ASA buildings. First floor hallways show conservative tones and have various sizes and shapes of artwork, many by ASA creative illustrators, to be viewed by those who have a few minutes to spare.

DCSLOG proved its ingenuity by painting office signs and directions in abstract forms. Bold arrows in contrasting colors point the way to "upstairs," "downstairs," and "around the corner" offices.

When the new style of painting began last summer at Arlington Hall, some office members were excited about "their" new idea, adding a bit of suspense and excitement to what could be a routine paint job.



"Airborne" — one of the four acrylic murals painted by PFC Joseph Eberly.



"Move Out!!!" — This combat forces in-the-field mural at USASATC&S Det, GAFB depicts Huey and Cobra helicopters in action. (Photos by SSG Bruce Ries)

Give Women Some Credit

Working women who handle their income wisely and who need—or want—credit can now be assured that an application for credit will probably be approved.

Under a new Federal law, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, women may no longer be denied credit simply because they are women. As of October 28, 1975—when the new law becomes effective—sex discrimination will be banned in the granting of credit. However, many progressive stores probably will not wait that long to give women their due credit.

The law does not mean that stores and lending institutions must give charge accounts, credit cards and loans to every woman who fills out an application. What it does mean is that women applying for credit must be judged by the same standards used for men: a steady income, prompt payment of bills, a regular savings record, cautious use of credit.

This new law gives women protection they have long needed. Several years ago, during hearings of the National Commission on Consumer Finance, it became clear that women were often turned down for credit only because they were women.

At the hearings, a widow described how she was refused charge accounts in her own name, though she could get accounts in her dead husband's name. A 40-year-old divorced woman with a full-time job needed her retired father to co-sign with her so she could get a mortgage loan.

Fortunately, women will never again face such discrimination.

But women—like men—do have a responsibility to show that they can handle credit cautiously. Never

borrow more than you can comfortably repay on a regular monthly basis. Never open more charge accounts than you can handle. Don't ever let yourself get in over your head when it comes to credit. You would face problems if you were ever turned down for credit on the ground that your credit rating is bad.

Keep that in mind as you consider these suggestions:

- Open a savings account and a checking account in your own name.

Married women often neglect this, but it is useful in helping to establish your credit standing.

- If you are ever refused credit, find out if the reason is that you have a poor credit rating.

Whenever you apply for credit, a report on your credit standing is prepared, usually by a credit reporting company. Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, you have the right to learn the name and address of the credit reporting company that put together the report on you. Contact that company—they must tell you what information went into the report.

- If the data in the report

is accurate, and if you were turned down because you actually do have a poor credit rating, get some help.

Talk with the credit manager at the credit reporting company. Ask for suggestions on what you can do to establish a sound credit rating.

- However, if the data in your credit report is inaccurate, take action.

The law sets up ways for you to remedy the situation if a false credit report has been filed against you. Learn your rights by getting **Consumer Bulletin No. 7** from Federal Trade Commission, Legal and Public Records, Washington, D.C. 20509. It's free.

- Take action, if you are turned down for credit even though you do have a good credit rating.

Since the Equal Credit Opportunity Act does not become effective until October, 1975, it will take time for some stores and lenders to change their old ways of granting credit. If you encounter situations which you think may involve sex discrimination, seek advice from your local legal office or contact the U.S. Attorney's office for your district.



Pictured (from top left) are Cobras SP4s Merriman, Marks, Aldrich, Markofski, SP5 Hahn, CPT Harris, (coach), SSG Soliz, SP4s Hultman, Stoeckle and Leeper.

Cobras Play Ball

"A tisket, a tasket, the ball goes in the basket!" The 7th RRFS all-female basketball team, the Ramasun Cobras, netted a season record of seven wins and only one loss.

The Ramasun Cobras are composed entirely of WAC personnel stationed at Ramasun Station. From hair nets to basketball nets is perhaps only a matter of "traveling" in some cases.

The Cobra's coach, CPT Frank Harris of Recreation Services, is no stranger to women's sports leagues. "These leagues are sadly neglected and played down," states CPT Harris. Women are just as enthusiastic as men. Given the opportunity, they often show more enthusiasm than men, and develop into well disciplined, hard playing athletic teams. And they have a tremendous crowd appeal."

One of the highlights of the season was a game between the girls and the senior NCOs of Ramasun Station. The Cobras, needless to say, were in better shape. Final score was Cobras, 40 and the NCOs, 32 and exhausted.

Basketball Battle

Field Station Augsburg whipped the 502d Group Officers 61-57 in their annual comedy of errors basketball game for the USASA Benefit Association.

The 502d took a slight lead at the end of the first period, but field station came out running to start the second half and almost ran the 502d off the court. The 502d came back in the fourth quarter with a strong defense. Led by Jim Kollar with his bump and run tactics, 502d held Field Station to only five points in the final period. Joe Woodlief of the 502d sent the game into overtime with a 25-footer.

Dave McVeigh scored five points and blocked two shots in the extra period to lead Field Station Augsburg to victory. He was game high scorer with 31 points.

A&R for Wolverines

The Athletics and Recreation program makes Thursdays the highlight of the week for the 504th Wolverines.

A&R is a DA program that allows officers and enlisted men to participate in various sports activities. The 504th has incorporated A&R into its regular physical fitness training.

Unit members can choose from a list of indoor and outdoor sports that includes bowling, tennis, paddleball, weight lifting, golf, football, volleyball, bicycling, and swimming. Special events such as paddle boat racing and fishing derbies are scheduled by the A&R office.

ASA's Top Fighter

SP4 Donald Reagan, a Military Policeman with the flight detachment of the 330th ASA Co (AVN) at Ramstein Air Base, Germany won the US Air Force Europe Novice Heavyweight Boxing title at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany recently.

"Run For Lunch Bunch"



Cold days didn't stop these ASA Support Group lunch runners.

The USASA Support Group, Fort Meade, MD., not to be outdone by other units in physical fitness, has organized a "Run a Mile for Lunch Bunch." Current membership exceeds twenty participants who have cumulatively jogged over 1,500 miles.

358th Winners Take All

Members of the 358th ASA Company, 313th ASA Bn, were successful in defeating all comers in the 82d Airborne Division Bowling Championship for 1975.

Team members included CPT Pete Schwalen, 2LT Glen Roberts, CW2 Cecil Miller, SFC Robert Kehr, SP5 Robert Lehman, SP5 Maurice Bynum, SP4 Steve Heinemann and SP4 Mel Lewis.

Insurance Conversion Explained

Some questions are being asked why the Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) conversion privilege was discontinued by the new Veterans Group Life Insurance (VGLI) program that became effective Aug. 1, 1974.

Many of the questions raised about VGLI result from a misunderstanding of what the conversion privilege means.

The conversion privilege, under the old plan, was designed for veterans who did not qualify for standard rate commercial insurance because of health reasons or still had certain military obligations to fill, such as flying.

It allowed a veteran to convert his SGLI coverage to a standard-rate individual commercial policy with one of the participating SGLI companies within 120 days after leaving active duty.

In the past, few veterans had to exercise the conversion option to qualify for standard insurance rates. VA officials explain that most soldiers leaving active duty are in good health and have

little difficulty buying individual policies at standard rates.

Under the present plan, soldiers leaving active duty after Aug. 1, 1974 can change SGLI coverage to VGLI within 120 days. If totally disabled at separation, the veteran has one year to convert.

VGLI is non-renewable, five-year term insurance. At the end of the five-year VGLI coverage, the veteran then has the identical conversion privilege as under SGLI before last Aug. 1.

In effect, VGLI is a five year extension of SGLI with the veteran paying the premiums directly to the Office of SGLI in Newark, N.J., rather than through payroll deduction.

Servicemen who left active duty between April 1, 1970 and Aug. 1, 1974 have until Aug. 1, 1975 to pick up VGLI coverage. These veterans must furnish proof of good health. Service connected disabilities are waived. At the end of the VGLI coverage, it can be converted to an individual policy.

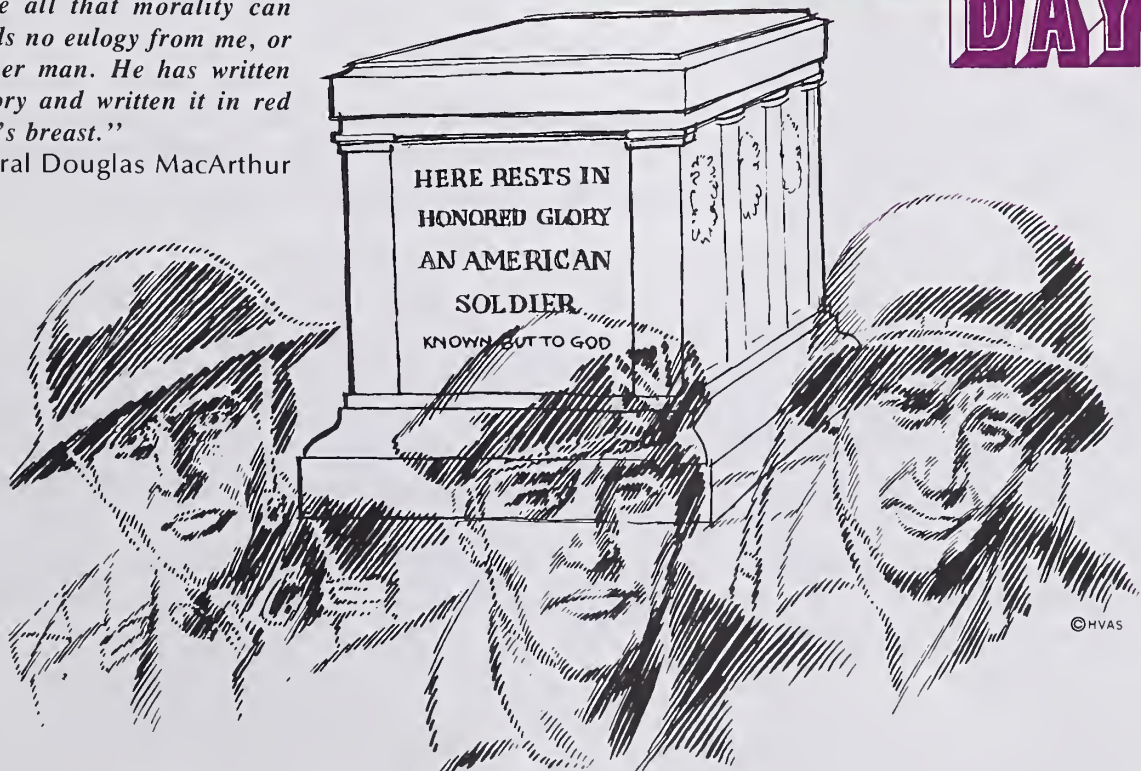
VGLI offers the veteran low-cost insurance for another five years after leaving the service. In that time, veterans marry, undertake careers and get a better perspective of their insurance coverage while he decides his long-range insurance needs.

Eligible veterans can get more VGLI details from any VA office or the Office of SGLI, 212 Washington St., Newark, N.J. 07102.

"His name and fame are the birth-right of every American citizen. In his youth and strength, his love and loyalty, he gave all that morality can give. He needs no eulogy from me, or from any other man. He has written his own history and written it in red on his enemy's breast."

General Douglas MacArthur

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Slimness: Everyone's Goal?

Ponce deLeon didn't find the fountain of youth, but many Americans are still looking for it. Individuals who look young are envied by those who don't. Thinking young and feeling young makes the wise man look young. How do they do it?

Often the answer lies in one simple word: Exercise.

Exercise: That's the secret of how to keep your youthful, attractive figure, how to keep your weight down, maintain an erect posture, and get rid of that ugly flab.

Many people place good health high on their list of "things I want most", but are unwilling to spend a few minutes each day trying to attain it. Magic wands are nowhere to be found among the shelves of reducing candies.

Sometimes group efforts to keep in shape work better than a single effort. Women in Diogenes Station can vouch for that. Gary Leavitt sent us this slimming article.

Run. Stretch. Dance. Sweat.

"I think it's the greatest thing that ever happened. You aren't sitting and reading, you're exercising. I feel great."

Shelby Bass' comment reflects the attitude of about 25 women involved in Diogenes Station's Slimnastics program. According to PFC Roosevelt Keyes, who is directing the group, the program is designed to give the women at Sinop a chance to get in shape and get involved.

"We meet Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9 to 11:30, which is when the women are authorized use of the locker room and sauna facilities," said Keyes. "During that time we study isometrics, calisthenics, stretching exercises, yoga and ballet; and we run a lot."

"The program helps those who want to get in shape—I feel that a 'sound body helps to make a sound mind' at least as far as how you feel about and look at life.

"But one of the main reasons for the program is to give the women something to get involved in. There are relatively few activities for women at Sinop, since we're on an unaccompanied tour. Of course, I'd like to see them get involved not only here, but even at their home when they don't have anything to do," Keyes said.

Slimnastics programs, under various names, are becoming more and more popular throughout the world with American dependents and enlisted women—not to mention the warm reception from husbands and boyfriends. But at Sinop it fills as much of a social role as that of the physical.

"Slimnastics was something that was brought up when we (some of the women here) were talking about what the wives would like to get involved in," noted Katherine Brehm, one of the founders of the group. "We got a lot of help from John Sparks, the Sports Officer, and the Command thought it was a good idea, so we started."

About 25 women are currently working with the program.

"Everyone is open to do what they want—everyone has a chance to lead the class for awhile," noted Keyes. "A lot of them are really into it, they really get involved."

"I think it's very good," Brehm said. "I like the combination of exercises—it's well rounded." (Ed.: no pun intended)

Two other participants voiced positive thoughts on the program. "This makes me feel good. It's enjoyable, but it's work—I don't think I've ever run this far in my whole life. Hopefully it will improve my figure," said Jean Seelig.

"I'm doing this to get in shape, though it's also good because it occupies your time," said PFC Debbie Baker.

"I have a well-balanced feeling, and it's really nice—especially the sauna. I also like it because I've been able to meet a bunch of the wives, and have a good time."

It appears that the Slimnastics Program at Diogenes Station is shaping up just fine.



Monica Brezina, PFC Debbie Baker and Diane Kellan keep up a steady pace.

Everybody gets into the act—Jeniny Taylor, her child, Gunsell Dirni, Debbie Baker, Monica Brezina and Jean Seelig lie down on the job.



Science & Medicine

Country doctors in the Army

Do you remember the days before medical specialization became rampant—when one doctor treated Mom, Dad and all the kids and even made house calls on occasion? Well, the family doctor is making a strong return to the American scene and especially within the U.S. Army.

The Army Medical Department, responsible for providing health care for more than 3,500,000 persons, began the first Family Practice Program operation at Fort Benning, Ga., in June of 1972.

Since then the program has been expanded to Army hospitals at Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort Gordon, Ga.; Fort Lewis, Wash.; Fort Ord, Calif.; and Tripler Army Hospital in Hawaii. Further expansion is planned. Eventually, 40 per cent of

the Army's doctors will be family-type physicians.

The family doctor can normally handle 85 per cent of the patient's needs himself. When a specialist is needed, the family doctor serves as a coordinator of services, accepting responsibility for the comprehensive, continuous health care of his patients. This fact goes a long way in psychologically reassuring the patient that all of his needs are being cared for.

Who are the Army's new Family Practitioners? All of them have had eight years of formal training and hold MD's. They enter the Army under the new Family Practice Residency Program, spending their first year as interns.

As residents they rotate through internal medicine, pediatrics, surgery, obstetrics, gynecology and psychiatry.

Throughout the three years they are assigned a number of families for whom they provide primary and total health care, consulting other professionals when needed.

When they complete their residency, they go on to serve the Army community as Family Practice Specialists, a new breed of professionals rooted in the traditions of service and concern typified by the old country doctor.

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up another team order "out of hide?" Or would a change to the TOE be in order? There are ways to solve these problems, it does require, however, that the people with the problems submit a proposed solution. Tactical ASA support is the hardest, most demanding, and difficult job in the Agency. But it is also the one job that can give the most satisfaction. It's about time we attack this job with the same dedication and ingenuity that we have used in the past to solve our strategic problems. In the past 10 years, some monumental problems have been solved by our highly capable people.

Proposed solutions are easy. Much of our doctrine and TOE and systems are described in documents that tell the reader what to do if he has suggestions for improvement. Usually, a DA Form 2028, (Recommended Changes to Publications) is all that is required. With the 2028, you can submit a recommendation to change just about anything like. . .

- Recommending that all collection positions be modified to allow the operator to measure more signal parameters and in

greater detail than is now possible, so that the lack of a data base does not disrupt our collection efforts.

- Recommending that all collection systems use antenna systems and the same type vehicles by the unit we are supporting so that the ASA systems will not "stick out like a sore thumb."
- Recommending that all systems in tactical use operate from batteries to reduce the noise and IR signature and also to be capable of operation while the vehicle is in motion.
- Recommending more vehicles, or fewer people, be provided in the TOE so that a greater percentage of the unit personnel can be moved with organic transportation.

Once you have the right attitude, it's surprising how much can be done. With the greater emphasis in tactical units now being shown, and with the sizable number of personnel in our tactical units, things are looking up. Tactical ASA support can be the most important asset of the supported commander. Remember that you are wearing a green uniform, think Army, and Keep the Faith.

by Don Lewis, USASATC&S

A Chief is normally an Indian, so... Call Me Mister

What do Warrant Officers think about the term Chief? A former Navy Chief Petty Officer and now ASA Warrant Officer shares his feelings.

To call a Warrant Officer "Chief" is militarily incorrect. The appropriate form of address for a Warrant Officer, regardless of his pay grade, is Mister when addressed either directly or in the salutation of a military letter.

The Armed Forces Radio and TV Service, through Armed Forces Network, Europe, recently broadcast an in-depth study of the Warrant Officer in the US Army. This program was appropriately titled "Call Me Mister." The program discussed the mystique normally attached to the Warrant Officer Corps—just what a Warrant Officer is, how he fits in the military chain of command and what his purpose is.

These questions were addressed to Warrant Officers at large throughout the European theatre. The replies almost unanimously agreed that the Warrant Officer was first, a very highly skilled and extremely proficient technician, very dependable and highly dedicated to his work. He is an officer in the Army appointed as a result of his skill and expertise, and, incidentally, other than a General Officer, the only officer entitled by regulation to suffix his rank with the distinctive "USA" rather than a single branch designator.

If such is the case, where did the term "chief" come from? To attempt to explain this, the Warrant Officer structure must be explained, at least to a slight extent. Once accepting an appointment as a Warrant Officer in the Army Reserve (USAR), for none are appointed directly as "Regular Army" Warrant Officers, the individual will be appointed to the grade of Warrant Officer, W-1. His concurrent call to active duty will usually assign him to an area of choice, if not a specific duty assignment or location.

Following his appointment and attendance at the WO orientation Course, the Warrant Officer normally proceeds to his new duty assignment.

The narrator on "Call Me Mister" repeated the typical image of a Warrant Officer as "a picture of a slightly graying, pipe smoking, little man," sometimes affectionately, but often respectfully called "Chief." This is, to the professional Warrant Officer, not a very complimentary image. Today's Warrant Officers, as did his predecessors, have energies and qualities which belie the "slightly graying, pipe-smoking, little man" image. For the most part, these Warrant Officers serving in the higher ranks of CW3-4, the "slightly graying" portion of the statement is probably a valid characterization; the others are almost uniformly not.

Picture, if you will, the organization of the modern Army without dedicated technicians, known as Warrant Officers. In almost every field imaginable in the Army you will find the Warrant Officer. Usually he can be found acting as the focal point of the technical effort being conducted.

What then, do you call a warrant officer? From a survey loosely conducted over a number of years among innumerable Warrant Officers of the four services, I have determined that the use of the term "Chief" is offensive and should be discontinued. It is totally inconceivable, to most military minds, that a Captain be addressed as Cap, that a Major be addressed as Maj, or that a General officer be identified as Gen, or would he be a Chief Gen if he wore more than one star?

Let us resolve the controversy in the most obvious manner: Call me Mister.

CW4 Hugh V. Markey

Ideas and Opinions

"The true test of civilization is not the census, not the size of the cities, nor the crops—no, but the kind of man the country turns out."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

"HUMAN GOALS: THE ADVANCEMENT OF HUMAN DIGNITY"

I am Dignity

I have my beginnings all over the world from the humblest shack to the most luxurious palace, but always I am born of noble parentage. I have nothing in myself but those who have me can accomplish great things.

I was there when new inventions were being formulated. I have survived wars and poverty and hate. I have survived ridicule and loneliness. I have transformed ordinary men and women into great leaders.

In the cotton fields, at the conference table, on the battlefield I made the difference. It was because of me that men found strength to endure that which had to be tolerated and still walk tall.

When the Wright Brothers' plane failed to leave the ground and people laughed, I was there to keep their spirits high and their heads up. I was there with George Washington when his Army was dying and depressed; I helped to sustain his men and win the battle. I was there when Booker T. Washington was intimidated. I was one of his motivations that made him achieve.

I am with the ghetto child in the ragged shirt as he walks through hardships selling newspapers, determined to earn enough money for graduation. I am with the young soldier standing tall in his uniform as he helps an old lady across the street; a young man proud to serve his country and his fellowman. Pulling shoulders back, holding heads high, filling with determination, I walk with housewives, doctors, lawyers, students, and children.

When hunger weakens the body I am there to strengthen the mind. When hardships press backward I am there to push forward. Character and self-respect are my relatives: pride and determination my mates.

I have been around for a long time and I will be around as long as there are great men in a great nation striving to reach a goal. I am a vital aspect of getting a job done. Keep me with you. I am DIGNITY.

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